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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON USE OF CERTAIN CHEMICAL
SUBSTANCE
ON CATTLE

1. DR. ARTURO J. PRADO HENRIQUEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS AND CONTROLS, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO INQUIRE FROM U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION WHETHER DIETHYLSTILBESTROL (DES) MAY NOW BE USED ON CATTLE IN THE U.S. DR. PRADO EXPLAINED THAT DES HAD BEEN APPLIED IN PELLET FORM TO CATTLE IN NICARAGUA UNTIL THE FDA SUSPENDED ITS USAGE IN THE U.S. OWING TO FINDINGS THAT THE CHEMICAL WAS CARCINOGENIC.

2. PRADO NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FDA HAS REVERSED ITS EARLIER BAN ON DES AND AGAIN PERMITS ITS USE. HE SAID THAT AN AMERICAN FIRM HAS APPLIED FOR AGRICULTURE MINISTRY APPROVAL FOR THE APPLICATION OF DES TO CATTLE HERE. HE ADDED THAT THE FIRM, IN BUTTRESSING ITS APPLICATION, CITED A JANUARY 24, 1974, DECISION BY THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS ALLEGEDLY GRANTING PETITIONS PRESENTED BY HESS & CLARK, DIVISION OF RHODIA, INC. AND VINELAND LABORATORIES, INC. AGAINST THE AFOREMENTIONED FDS BAN.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER FDA NOW PERMITS USE OF DES IN TREATMENT OF CATTLE AND WHETHER THERE ARE ANY RSTRICTIONS ON THE MANNER OF ITS APPLICATION.
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